## **REMARKS**

In the present Amendment, Applicants present pending claims 17-20 for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-16 are canceled.

## **CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fees, if any, to Conley Rose, P.C. deposit account no. 03-2769/5298-08101.

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